

REMARKS

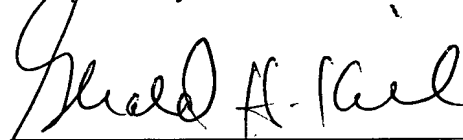
Applicants elect Species I directed to a lens driving apparatus as presented in claims 1, 3-6, and 8. Thus, claims 1, 3-6, and 8 are herein selected for further consideration.

Applicants believe that it would be more efficient to examine all of the claims together in a single application. Applicants submit that claims 2 and 7 are dependent claims that depend from elected claim 1. As such, upon allowance of claims 1, 3-6, and 8, claims 2 and 7 should be rejoined and considered by the Examiner. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, and 21 are all directed to a lens driving apparatus. Although different embodiments are provided, all embodiments of the present invention are directed to the lens driving apparatus. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Moreover, Applicant submits that all claims can be searched and examined without any serious burden to the Examiner, in a single application.

Furthermore, Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.141, upon the allowance of any generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional Species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Based upon the above election, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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